

**The Federal Spotlight**

## **Senate Vote on Money Bill Starts Cuts in Overtime and Travel**

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The Senate has approved an opening move to cut overtime and travel expenses in Government by 10 per cent.

In voting on the Treasury-Post Office 1953 money bill yesterday, the Senate approved the Ferguson-Bridges-Byrd amendment that would cut expenses for these items 10 per cent below budget estimates.

The Senate exempted the Post Office Department from these provisions. It included the Treasury Department, but made the following exemptions: Customs Bureau, Internal Revenue Bureau, Narcotics Bureau, Secret Service and Coast Guard.

It's expected the Senate will move to adopt similar cuts to the mental health agency money they reach the Senate.



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the rider yesterday after hearing from the Republican, there is too

mittee voted to reduce the cut to 10 per cent, however, and would apply the reduction below the original budget estimates. Also, the Senate unit would exempt more bureaus, such as Public Health, Howard University, all hospitals, Railroad Retirement, Old Age and Survivors Insurance and law enforcement divisions of Wage and Hour and Food and Drug.

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**PHYSICAL EXAMS**—The controller general has ruled that, if Federal agencies do not have the necessary facilities to give physical exams to prospective employees, the applicants must pay for the examination performed by a private physician. Such cost is not reimbursable from public funds, the controller general ruled.

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